

REMARKS

Claims 17-20 remain in the application and have been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 17 under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Eagle.

The present invention is intended to provide a plate memory, shown at 7 in Fig. 2, that can be used to update the operating data recorded in a nonvolatile memory of a personal digital assistant, for example. The nonvolatile memory is limited in its rewriting capabilities and typically requires the removal of a jumper wire to rewrite the operating data in the nonvolatile memory. The problem in revising the operating data program in the nonvolatile memory is that it is quite easy to make a mistake and destroy the entire nonvolatile memory data. According to the present invention, because the plate memory contains a discrimination file for the loader of the personal digital assistant and the program loader file is provided as well on the plate memory, not on the main body of the personal digital assistant, it is possible to prevent rewrite and destruction of the nonvolatile data by some unexpected operation, such as a runaway of the microcomputer in the personal digital assistant due to an unstable power supply.

Thus, the present invention provides a removable plate recording medium that has an update data recording region containing the data for updating the nonvolatile memory of the

portable digital operating apparatus, such as the personal digital assistant, and also has a program data recording region that has the required loading data for use in transferring the update data from the plate recording medium to the nonvolatile memory. In addition, and more importantly, the plate recording medium has discrimination data recorded thereon in a specific discrimination data recording region that indicates to the portable digital operating apparatus that the plate recording medium installed therein has the required program data recorded thereon.

The claims have been amended hereby to emphasize the above-noted features of the present invention.

Eagle relates to a program for reprogramming a personal palm-type device to utilize other operating instructions. According to Eagle, the RAM memory of the personal palm-type device is emptied and the new operating information is loaded thereon. Eagle is completely silent concerning the use of any plate recording medium. Thus, Eagle is completely silent concerning any specific regions on such a plate recording medium that can be removably inserted into the so-called personal palm-type device. According to Eagle, the software distribution package that contains the new updated program for the personal palm-type device is transmitted thereto over a communication network and, particularly, over the internet using either a linked modem or through wireless mobile communications.

Therefore, although Eagle does disclose a program for updating a personal palm-type device through a global software

distribution package, Eagle is completely silent concerning the use of any plate recording medium and, thus, does not disclose any specific regions on such plate recording medium.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 18, 19, and 20 under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Eagle.

Claims 18, 19, and 20 depend from claim 17, which for the reasons set forth hereinabove is thought to be patentably distinct over the cited references and, for at least those very same reasons, claims 18, 19, and 20 are also submitted to be patentably distinct thereover.

Moreover, claims 18, 19, and 20 set forth additional regions for the plate recording medium, which as noted hereinabove is not suggested for use in Eagle.

Therefore, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby, as well as the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that a plate recording medium comprising specific data regions for use in updating the nonvolatile memory of a portable digital operating apparatus, as taught by the present invention and as recited in the amended claims, is neither shown nor suggested in the cited reference, alone or in combination.

The references cited as of interest have been reviewed and are not seen to show or suggest the present invention, as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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